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OF THE AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTAL COMPLAINT IN:]

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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COALITION FOR A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD, L.L.C., ROBERT :  
ELGART & SON INC., AMELIA'S AUTOMOTIVE, INC., GLO AUTO : 04 CV 08450 (RO) (GWG)  
SUPPLY, INC., DIXIE DIGGS AUTO PARTS, INC., MOTOR SUPPLY :  
CORP., TRUCK SUPPLIERS, INC., HENRY GARCIA'S ENTERPRISES, :  
INC., CITIZENS AUTO PARTS, INC., SOUTH AUSTIN AUTO SUPPLY, :  
INC., GIL'S AUTO PARTS, S&L AUTO SUPPLY, INC., ARCAND :  
SALES & SERVICE, INC., HLR SHOCKS, INC., M & M AUTO : AMENDED AND  
PARTS, INC., A & G AUTO PARTS, INC., JOE SACKETT & : SUPPLEMENTAL COMPLAINT  
SONS, INC., PELLETIER'S AUTOMOTIVE, INC., KEEN'S AUTOMOTIVE :  
MACHINE SHOP, INC., TAYLOR AUTO SUPPLY, INC., :  
THE BILL HEBERT CO., INC., HEBERT AUTO SUPPLY OF CONCORD, : (Jury Demand)  
L.L.C., WESSON'S MOBIL, INC., TOWNE AUTO PARTS, INC., :  
AUTOMOTIVE HARD PARTS, INC., B. & H. AUTO SUPPLY, INC., :  
RITCHIE AUTO PARTS, INC., BRAINTREE AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY, :  
AUTO PARTS & EQUIPMENT CO., EASTERN AUTO PARTS, INC., :  
COLUMBIA AUTO PARTS CO., INC., KNOX BROS., INC., :  
DUSENBERY'S; AIRPORT AUTO SUPPLY, INC., :  
CARMAC, INC., AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY ASSOCIATES, :  
INC., BURLINGTON COUNTY AUTO PARTS, INC., U.S.A. AUTO :  
PARTS CORP., SPEED EQUIPMENT CORP., PEMA ASSOCIATES, INC., :  
THE BELSHE CO., INC., PERRY'S AUTO PARTS & :  
EQUIP. CO., INC., CHICOPEE AUTOMOTIVE WAREHOUSE, INC., :  
LARRY A. SKILLMAN, STEWART'S INC., :  
AUTOMOTIVE WAREHOUSE, INC. OF LAKE LAND, WAL, INC., :  
SUPERIOR MOTOR PARTS, INC., CASH AUTOMOTIVE, INC., :  
TI MANAGEMENT CO., THE MILLER DUDLEY CO., INC. OF MD., :  
PREVATTE AUTO SUPPLY, INC., :  
AUTOMOTIVE PARTS WAREHOUSE, INC., :  
ED SCHROEDER'S AUTO PARTS, INC., LACAVA & SOWERSBY, INC., :  
OWENBY AUTO PARTS, INC., EASTON ELECTRICAL DEVICES, INC., :  
GRAFFMAN'S, INC., PAGA, INC., ALCO AUTO PARTS CO., INC., :  
AVENUE AUTO PARTS, INC., GEMINI OF WESTMONT, INC., :  
CEE-KAY AUTO SUPPLY, INC., APW CO., ONE STOP AUTO PARTS, :  
INC., GOFFSTOWN AUTO PARTS, INC., MIDWEST WAREHOUSE :  
CORPORATION, BEST AUTO SUPPLY, INC., BACHELDERS' :  
AUTOMOTIVE DISTRIBUTORS, INC., NORTH SHORE METALS, :  
INC., MARTY'S AUTO SUPPLY, INC., E & S AUTO PARTS, INC., :  
IRVING LEVINE AUTOMOTIVE DISTRIBUTORS INC., DYKE, INC., :  
MARICLARE, INC., MADER AUTOMOTIVE CENTER, INC., :  
SUBURBAN AUTO SUPPLY, INC., DYKE MOTOR SUPPLY CO., :  
WEST INC., DYKE MOTOR SUPPLY CO., INC., HOFFMAN AUTO :  
PARTS, JOYCE'S AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY, INC., JOYCE AUTO :  
PARTS OF MT. AIRY, INC., :  
NATIONAL AUTO PARTS, INC. OF APPOMATTOX, CROWN :  
AUTOMOTIVE DISTRIBUTORS, LTD., POQUOSON AUTO PARTS, :  
STEVE'S AUTO PARTS, INC., MILLENIUM AUTOMOTIVE :  
LOGISTICS, INC., SOUTHPORT AUTO & MARINE, INC., NAPA :  
CLOVER AUTO PARTS, INC., RALPH A. DICKSON, JR., RALPH A. :  
DICKSON, III, JANICE D. MERCER, WENDELL WHELCHHELL, :

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 PARTS, INC., SPRINGFIELD AUTO SUPPLY,  
 INC., CAMBRIDGE FOUR STAR, INC., WILLARD C. STARCHER,  
 INC., LAND & LAKE WHOLESALE SUPPLY, INC., PIONEER AUTO  
 CENTER, INC., WORKMAN'S AUTO PARTS, INC., WORKMAN'S  
 AUTO PARTS OF HARTVILLE, INC., WORKMAN'S PORTAGE  
 LAKES AUTO PARTS, INC., MET'S AUTO SUPPLY, INC., BUCKEYE  
 AUTO PARTS, INC., TOLEDO AUTO ELECTRIC, INC., HOPKINS  
 AUTO SUPPLY, INC., M & B, INC., CHARLES R. RUSSELL,  
 A & T ENTERPRISES, INC., SIGGS AUTO PARTS,  
 A TO Z AUTO PARTS #2, INC., AUTO PARTS & SUPPLY, INC.,  
 PARTNERS AUTO PARTS, INC., DOC MEYER AUTO SUPPLY, INC.,  
 WALLACE, WALLACE & WALLACE, INC., L. J. HUTCHINS  
 AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY, INC., W. L. GREENFIELD CORP., WYAN  
 PARTS & SERVICE, INC., HOMESTEAD AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY,  
 STEVE'S AUTO SUPPLY, INC., BURNS AUTOMOTIVE PARTS, INC.,  
 BARLEX, INC., MANNY'S AUTO SUPPLY, INC., 47TH STREET AUTO  
 PARTS, INC., ASPA MANAGEMENT CORP., PARAMOUNT AUTO  
 PARTS, INC., CLYDE EVERETT SISSON, GENERAL AUTO REPAIR,  
 INC., CREST AUTO STORES, INC., WILLY'S AUTO SUPPLY, INC.,  
 AUTO PARTS DISCOUNT CENTER, INC., S & G AUTOMOTIVE, INC.,  
 APPONAUG AUTO SUPPLY, INC., JOBBERS WAREHOUSE  
 SERVICE, INC., J. S. AUTO PARTS, INC., LANT ENT., INC.,  
 LINE AUTO SUPPLY, INC., MAIN AUTO SUPPLY OF FAIRFIELD,  
 INC., JOHNSTON DISTRIBUTING CO., McALHANEY ENTERPRISES,  
 INC., NILES AUTO SUPPLY OF SYRACUSE, INC., BOB'S TOOLS &  
 AUTO, INC., ALL PARTS AUTO SUPPLY, ALFREDO CARRANZA, JR.,  
 SUPERIOR BUMPER PRODUCTS, INC., SLOAN AUTO PARTS, INC.,  
 DENNIS E. REMIGER, PARTS PRO WAREHOUSE, INC., PARTS  
 MART, INC., and MUTT RADICKE AUTO SUPPLY, INC.,

Plaintiffs,

-against-

AUTOZONE, INC., AUTOZONE FLORIDA, L.P., ADAP, INC.,  
 AUTOZONE STORES, INC., AUTOZONE.COM, INC.,  
 AUTOZONE TEXAS, L.P., CHIEF AUTO PARTS, INC.,  
 WAL-MART STORES, INC., SAM'S WEST, INC.,  
 ADVANCE STORES COMPANY, INC.,  
 AFFINIA GROUP, INC., ARVINMERITOR, INC.,  
 ASHLAND, INC., CARDONE INDUSTRIES USA, DANA CORPORATION,  
 FORD MOTOR COMPANY, GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION,  
 PENNZOIL-QUAKER STATE COMPANY, SOPS PRODUCTS, INC.,  
 STANDARD MOTOR PRODUCTS, INC., STANT MANUFACTURING, INC.,  
 and THE ARMOR ALL/STP PRODUCTS COMPANY,

Defendants.

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## COUNT I

### [Violation of Robinson-Patman Act, §§ 2(a), 2(f) - Volume Discounts, Rebates, Fees, Allowances, and Other Payments]

#### (All Plaintiffs and All Defendants)

Plaintiffs, by their attorney, as and for their complaint, respectfully allege:

#### Jurisdiction and Venue

1. This controversy involves §§ 1, 4, 4B, 12 and 16 of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. §§ 12, 15(a), 15B, 22 and 26); and §§ 2(a), 2(d), 2(e) and 2(f) of the Robinson-Patman Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 13(a), 13(d), 13(e) and 13(f), and 28 U.S.C. § 1337.

2. This Court has original jurisdiction over the antitrust claims under 28 U.S.C. § 1337(a) and 15 U.S.C. § 15(a), and supplemental jurisdiction as to the state claims alleged in Counts V, as hereinafter more fully appears.

2A. Each of the defendants is doing business (and, alternatively, "transacting business") in New York State and in the Southern District of New York, which gives this Court personal jurisdiction over each of the defendants, and venue as to each of the defendants is appropriate under 15 U.S.C. §§ 15 and 22, and 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b).

#### Plaintiffs

3. Plaintiff, Coalition for a Level Playing Field, L.L.C. (the "Coalition"), a New Hampshire corporation, was formed in 1998 for the purpose of eliminating the discriminatory pricing system in the auto parts aftermarket. Under this system, the major chain store retailers are buying auto-parts product lines at substantially lower prices than paid by plaintiffs or plaintiffs' suppliers to the same Manufacturers Defendants for the same product lines.

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1. There are a total of 133 Plaintiffs in this Amended and Supplemental Complaint (plus 18 "related" "b", "c", etc. Plaintiffs) of which 111 are dismissed plaintiffs (the "111 Dismissed Plaintiffs").

4. The Coalition has as members approximately 1,400 auto-parts warehouse distributors and jobbers/retailers located in approximately 30 states, including each of the other plaintiffs, and the following seven trade associations for warehouse distributors and jobbers/retailers in the auto-parts aftermarket: (i) Automotive Wholesalers Association of New England, Inc., (ii) Automotive Wholesalers of Texas, Inc., d/b/a Automotive Parts & Services Association, (iii) New Mexico Automotive Parts & Service Association, (iv) New York State Automotive Aftermarket Association, (v) Pennsylvania Automotive Parts Association, (vi) Virginia Automotive Parts & Service Association; and (vii) Automotive Aftermarket Association of the Carolinas and Tennessee, Inc.

5. The Coalition as plaintiff seeks injunctive relief against each of the defendants, but no monetary damages. Each of the other plaintiffs seeks monetary damages and injunctive relief against (i) each of the Retailer Defendants identified in ¶ 6 below, under the heading "Defts", at the end of the line on which the plaintiff is listed (and in Appendix D hereto), except that Plaintiffs do not seek damages against the Retailer Defendants to the extent of the Plaintiffs' indirect purchases of auto-parts or auto-parts product lines; and (ii) against each of the Manufacturer Defendants by the Plaintiffs specified in Appendix D.

6. In addition to the Coalition, the following entities are also plaintiffs (designated under "DL" as either "J" for primarily Jobber and Retailer or "W" for primarily Warehouse Distributor):

No <sup>1</sup>	Name of Plaintiff	Address	Inc	DL <sup>2</sup>	Defts <sup>3</sup>
1	Robert Elgart & Son Inc.	1011 W Butler St, Philadel. PA	PA	W	AZ W S AA
2	Amelia's Automotive, Inc.	2918 Roosevelt, San Antonio TX	TX	J	AZ W S AA
3	GLO Auto Supply, Inc	501 Kempsville Rd, Chesapeake VA	VA	J	AZ W S AA
4	Dixie Diggs Auto Parts, Inc.	P.O. Box 368, Hampton VA	VA	J	AZ W S AA
5	Motor Supply Corp.	508 Lawndale Dr., Pearlsburg VA	VA	J	AZ W S AA
6	Truck Suppliers, Inc.	30 Commercial St., Winchester VA	VA	W	AZ W AA
7	Henry Garcia's Enterprises, Inc.	301 North King St, Alice TX	TX	J	AZ W S
8	Citizens Auto Parts, Inc.	301 W 9 Mile Rd, Highland Spgs VA	VA	J	AZ W AA
9	South Austin Auto Supply, Inc.	2801 Manchaca Rd, Austin TX	TX	W	AZ W S AA
10	Omitted.				
11	Gil's Auto Parts	5408 Forest Brook Dr Richmond VA	VA	J	AZ W S AA
12	S&L Auto Supply, Inc.	1733 U.S. Rt. 2, Montpelier VT	VT	J	W AA
13	Arcand Sales & Service, Inc.	229 Brighton Ave., Allston MA	MA	J	AZ W S AA
14	HLR Shocks, Inc.	3601 Roosevelt, San Antonio TX	TX	J	AZ W S AA
15	M & M Auto Parts, Inc.	330 N. Weatherly, Borger TX	TX	J	AZ W S
16	A & G Auto Parts, Inc.	75 Main Street, Monroe CT	CT	J	AZ W S AA
17	Joe Sackett & Sons, Inc.	123 North Royal Av Front Royal VA	VA	J	AZ W AA
18	Omitted.				
19	Pelletier's Automotive, Inc.	292 Bishop St., Attleboro MA	MA	J	AZ W AA
20	Keen's Automotive Machine Shop Inc.	1802 S Church St., Smithfield VA	VA	J	AZ W S AA
21	Taylor Auto Supply, Inc.	239 Cattail Dr, Lawrenceville VA	VA	J	AZ W S AA
22a	The Bill Hebert Co Inc.	15 Old Farm Rd., Bedford NH	NH	J	AZ W S AA
22b	Hebert Auto Supply of Concord, L.L.C.	15 Old Farm Rd., Bedford NH	NH	J	AZ W S AA
22c	Wesson's Mobil, Inc.	15 Old Farm Rd., Bedford NH	NH	J	AZ W S AA
23	Towne Auto Parts, Inc.	780 Worcester St., Natick MA	MA	J	AZ W S
24	Automotive Hard Parts Inc.	199 Union St., Rockland MA	MA	W	AZ W AA
25	B. & H. Auto Supply, Inc.	19 Jackson St., Middleboro MA	MA	J	AZ W
26	Ritchie Auto Parts, Inc.	P.O. Box 644, Norwood NC	NC	J	AZ W S AA
27	Braintree Automotive Supply	168 Farm St., Millis MA	MA	J	AZ W S
28	Auto Parts & Equipment Co.	911 San Juan Blvd, Farmington NM	NM	J	AZ W S

\_\_\_\_\_ [start footnotes]

1. See Appendix A (attached hereto) for a List of the Plaintiffs no longer in the auto-parts business; and see Appendix B-5 for a list of many of the product lines at issue and accompanying Appendix C under the sub-heading "Product Lines" for the M#01-M#18 auto parts and auto-parts product lines carried by each of the Plaintiffs (other than the Coalition) during the plaintiff's Covered Period, separately stated for each Plaintiff.

2. "DL" refers to the primary distribution level of the plaintiff (i.e., either WD or Jobber/Retailer), but many of the Jobber plaintiffs purchase directly from some Manufacturers, and many WD plaintiffs are also Jobbers/Retailers. Any direct purchasing from any of the M#01-M#18 Manufacturers is alleged separately in Appendix C as to each of the Plaintiffs.

3. "Defts" sets forth the specific retailer defendants from which the plaintiff seeks monetary damages and injunctive relief. ("AZ" = AutoZone; "W" = Wal-Mart; "S" = Sam's Club; "AA" = Advance Auto; and M#01-M#18 refers to the Manufacturers as described in ¶ 66 below. The manufacturer defendants (as well as the retailer defendants) being sued by each of the plaintiffs are identified in Appendix D attached hereto, separately stated by defendant.

4. [87d-87h] Shareholder holding a percentage of the assets of one or both of liquidated corporations NAPA Gaffney Auto Parts, Inc. (a South Carolina corporation) and Genuine Parts, Inc. (a North Carolina corporation).

\_\_\_\_\_ [end footnotes]

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29	Eastern Auto Parts, Inc.	220 Felton St., Waltham MA	MA	J	AZ W S AA
30a	Omitted.				
30b	Omitted.				
31	Columbia Auto Parts Co., Inc.	305 Webster Ave., Cambridge MA	MA	J	AZ W S
32	Knox Bros., Inc.	105 High Street, Belfast ME	ME	J	AZ W S AA
33	Omitted.				
34	Dusenbery's [partnership]	112 West Chaco, Aztec NM	NM	J	AZ W S
35	Airport Auto Supply, Inc.	1403 Northridge Dr., Austin TX	TX	J	AZ W S AA
36	Carmac, Inc.	1397 E. Main St., Torrington CT	CT	J	AZ W AA
37	Automotive Supply Associates, Inc.	129 Manchester St., Concord NH	NH	W	AZ W S AA
38	Burlington County Auto Parts Inc	688 High Street, Burlington NJ	NJ	J	AZ W S AA
39	U.S.A. Auto Parts Corp.	9699 Academy Rd, Philadelphia PA	PA	J	AZ W S AA
40	Speed Equipment Corporation	2535 Street Rd., Bensalem PA	PA	J	AZ W S
41	Pema Associates, Inc.	348 King Street, Northampton MA	GA	J	AZ W AA
42	The Belshe Co., Inc.	124 East Ford Rd., Sunnyvale TX	TX	J	AZ W S
43a	Perry's Auto Parts & Equip. Co., Inc.	365 Chicopee Street, Chicopee MA	MA	J	AZ W S AA
43b	Chicopee Automotive Warehouse, Inc.	367 Chicopee Street, Chicopee MA	MA	W	AZ W S AA
44	Larry A. Skillman	1115 W. Main St., Waynesboro VA	n/a	J	AZ AA
45	Stewart's Inc.	1226 Swede Hill Rd, Greensburg PA	PA	J	AZ W AA
46	Automotive Warehouse, Inc. of Lakeland	20 Lake Wire Rd, Lakeland FL	FL	W	AZ W S AA
47	WAL, Inc.	459 Washington St, Providence RI	RI	W	AZ W S AA
48	Superior Motor Parts, Inc.	1125 Calle La Resolana Santa Fe NM	NM	J	AZ W S
49a	Cash Automotive, Inc.	425 So. Reynolds, Alice TX	TX	J	AZ W S
49b	Ti Management Co.	425 So. Reynolds, Alice TX	TX	J	AZ W S
50	The Miller Dudley Co. Inc. of Md.	452 Wilson Ct, Friendship, MD	MD	J	AZ W S AA
51b	Prevatte Auto Supply, Inc.	422 Watts Rd., Lumberton NC	NC	W	AZ W S AA
52	Automotive Parts Warehouse, Inc.	10 Embankment Rd., Lawrence MA	MD	W	AZ W S AA
53	Ed Schroeder's Auto Parts, Inc.	288 Longleaf Dr. West End NC	NJ	J	AZ W S AA
54	Lacava & Sowersby, Inc.	1375 Plymouth Ave. Fall River MA	MA	W	AZ W S AA
55	Owenby Auto Parts, Inc.	815 West Pear St., Lakeland FL	FL	J	AZ W S AA
56	Easton Electrical Devices, Inc.	925 Northampton St., Easton PA	PA	W	AZ W S AA
57	Graffman's, Inc.	203 Madison Ave., Skowhegan ME	ME	J	AZ W S AA
58	PAGA, Inc.,	67 W. Hollis Rd., Hollis NH	MA	J	AZ W S AA
59	Alco Auto Parts Co., Inc.	288 Hyde Park Ave Jamaica Plain MA	MA	J	AZ AA
60	Avenue Auto Parts, Inc.	5300 Farrow Rd., Columbia SC	SC	W	AZ W S AA
61	Omitted.				
62	Gemini of Westmont, Inc.	206 Haddon Ave., Westmont NJ	NJ	J	AZ W S AA
63	Cee-Kay Auto Supply, Inc.	4949 Birney Ave., Moosic PA	PA	W	AZ W S AA
64a	APW Co.	315 N. 4th St., Reading PA	PA	W	AZ W S AA
65	One Stop Auto Parts, Inc.	3417 Greenmount Ave Baltimore MD	MD	J	AZ W S AA
66	Goffstown Auto Parts, Inc.	49 Bog Rd., Manchester NH	NH	W	AZ W S AA
67a	Midwest Warehouse Corporation	701 N. Miller Ave., Marion IN	IN	W	AZ W S AA
68	Best Auto Supply, Inc.	c/o Plaintiff # 01	PA	J	AZ W S AA
69	Bachelers' Automotive Distributors, Inc.	1169 Chestnut St., Athol MA	MA	J	AZ W S AA
70	North Shore Metals, Inc.	45 Boston St., Lynn MA	MA	J	AZ W S AA
71	Marty's Auto Supply, Inc.	55 Trowbridge St., Belmont MA	MA	J	AZ W AA
72	E & S Auto Parts, Inc.	3335 Market St., Twin Oaks PA	PA	J	AZ W S AA
73a	Irving Levine Automotive Distributors, Inc.	110 South St., Danbury CT	CT	W	AZ W AA
74a	Dyke, Inc.	439 Washington Rd., Pittsb., PA	PA	W	AZ W S AA
75	Mariclare, Inc.	30685 Stillwater Ln., Solon OH	OH	W	AZ W S AA
76	Mader Automotive Center, Inc.	225 S. Walnut St., Troy OH	OH	J	AZ W S AA
77	Suburban Auto Supply, Inc.	5083 S Morrish Rd Swartz Creek MI	MI	J	AZ W S AA

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78a	Dyke Motor Supply Co., West Inc.	1720 Noblestown Rd Pittsburgh PA	PA	J	W S AA
78b	Dyke Motor Supply Co., Inc.	427 Washington Rd, Pittsburgh PA	PA	J	W S AA
79	Hoffman Auto Parts (partnership)	6648 N Orange, Blossom Tr, Orlando FL	n/a	J	AZ W
80a	Joyce's Automotive Supply, Inc.	237 Starlite Rd, Mount Airy NC	NC	W	AZ W S AA
80b	Joyce Auto Parts of Mt Airy, Inc	237-B Starlite Rd, Mount Airy NC	NC	J	AZ W S AA
81a	Omitted.				
81b	Omitted.				
82	Omitted.				
83	National Auto Parts of Appomattox, Inc.	Hwy 460W, Appomattox VA	VA	J	AZ W S AA
84	Crown Automotive Distributors, Ltd.	280 Plainfield St, Providence RI	RI	J	AZ W S AA
85	Poquoson Auto Parts	810 Poquoson Ave., Poquoson VA	VA	J	AZ W S AA
86	Steve's Auto Parts, Inc.	38 Clover D., Lebanon PA	PA	J	AZ W S AA
87a	Millenium Automotive Logistics, Inc.	1803 Spencer Mt Rd, Ranco NC	NC	J	AZ W S AA
87b	Southport Auto & Marine, Inc.	P.O. Box 458, Gastonia NC	NC	J	AZ W S AA
87c	NAPA Clover Auto Parts, Inc.	P.O. Box 458, Gastonia NC	SC	J	AZ W S AA
87d	Ralph A. Dickson, Jr. <sup>4</sup>	P.O. Box 458, Gastonia NC	n/a	J	AZ W S AA
87e	Ralph A. Dickson, III <sup>4</sup>	P.O. Box 458, Gastonia NC	n/a	J	AZ W S AA
87f	Janice D. Mercer <sup>4</sup>	P.O. Box 458, Gastonia NC	n/a	J	AZ W S AA
87g	Wendell Whelchell <sup>4</sup>	P.O. Box 458, Gastonia NC	n/a	J	AZ W S AA
87h	Myra Myers <sup>4</sup>	P.O. Box 458, Gastonia NC	n/a	J	AZ W S AA
88	Omitted.				
89	Ken Washington Auto Parts, Inc.	718 W Coshocton St, Johnstown OH	OH	J	AZ W S AA
90	Springfield Auto Supply, Inc.	1241 WColumbia St Springfield OH	OH	J	AZ W S AA
91a	Cambridge Four Star, Inc.	1001 Turner Ave., Cambridge OH	OH	J	AZ W AA
91b	Willard C. Starcher, Inc.	124 Vandale Ave., Spencer WV	WV	J	W AA
91c	Land & Lake Wholesale Supply, Inc.	1301 Webster Rd. Summersville WV	WV	J	AZ W AA
92	Pioneer Auto Center, Inc.	905 S. State St., Pioneer OH	OH	J	AZ W S AA
93a	Workman's Auto Parts, Inc.	811 E Cherry St, Canal Fulton OH	OH	J	AZ W S AA
93b	Workman's Auto Parts of Hartville, Inc.	118 No. Prospect, Hartville OH	OH	J	AZ W S AA
93c	Workman's Portage Lakes Auto Parts, Inc.	413 W Turkeyfoot Rd, Akron OH	OH	J	AZ W S AA
94	Met's Auto Supply, Inc.	7552 Debby Ln., Mansfield OH	OH	J	AZ W S AA
95	Buckeye Auto Parts, Inc.	26010 W River Rd, Perrysburg OH	OH	W	AZ W S AA
96	Toledo Auto Electric, Inc.	5015 Enterprise St., Toledo OH	OH	J	AZ W S AA
97a	Hopkins Auto Supply, Inc.	620 NE Kelly Ave., Gresham OR	OR	W	AZ W
98	M & B, Inc.	1020 W. Maloney, Gallup NM	NM	J	AZ W
99	Omitted.				
100	Charles R. Russell, d/b/a Aurora National Auto Parts	22912 Highway 99, Edmonds WA	n/a	J	W S
101	A & T Enterprises, Inc.	2306 Dove Ln., Olympia WA	WA	J	W
102	Siggs Auto Parts	214 S Washington St, Iola KS	n/a	J	AZ W AA
103	Omitted.				
104	A to Z Auto Parts #2, Inc.	9044 Watson Rd., St. Louis MO	MO	J	AZ W S AA
105	Auto Parts & Supply, Inc.	226 Monticello Ave., W'nsburg VA	VA	J	AZ W S AA
106	Partners Auto Parts, Inc.	501 Kempsville Rd, Chesapeake VA	VA	J	AZ W S AA
107	Doc Meyer Auto Supply, Inc.	412 W Dunklin, Jefferson City MO	MO	J	AZ W S AA
108	Wallace, Wallace & Wallace, Inc.	Rt. 2, Box 5168, Coldspring TX	TX	J	AZ W S
109	L. J. Hutchins Automotive Supply, Inc.	7510 Porter Rd, Niagara Falls NY	NY	W	AZ W S AA
110	Omitted.				
111	W. L. Greenfield Corp.	13333 Bellingham Dr Evansville IN	IN	J	AZ W S AA
112	Wyan Parts & Service, Inc.	42 Osceola Ave., Tallmadge OH	OH	J	AZ W S AA
113	Homestead Automotive Supply	846 Forest Ave., W. Homestead PA	n/a	J	AZ W S AA
114	Steve's Auto Supply, Inc.	122 Benton Dr., Canonsburg PA	PA	J	W AA



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115	Burns Automotive Parts, Inc.	235 Essex St., Haverhill MA	MA	J	AZ W S AA
116	Barlex, Inc.	675 S. 4th St., Beaumont TX	TX	J	AZ W S AA
117	Manny's Auto Supply, Inc.	840 Silas Deane Hwy, Wethersfield CT	CT	W	AZ W S AA
118	47th St. Auto Parts, Inc.	4950 So. Broadway, Wichita KS	KS	J	AZ W S AA
119	Omitted.				
120	ASPA Management Corp.	239 B East Main St, Patchogue NY	NY	W	AZ W S AA
121	Paramount Auto Parts, Inc.	1240 S La Brea Ave, Inglewood CA	CA	J	AZ W S
122	Omitted.				
123	Clyde Everett Sisson	Hwy 54, POB 206, Osage Beach MO	n/a	J	W
124	General Auto Repair, Inc.	4425 E. 14th St., Oakland CA	CA	J	AZ W
125	Crest Auto Stores, Inc.	5925 Lancaster Ave, Phila. PA	PA	J	AZ W S AA
126	Willy's Auto Supply, Inc.	190 Center St., Middleboro MA	MA	J	AZ W
127	Auto Parts Discount Center, Inc.	211 Powersby Rd, Joppa MD	VT	J	AZ W S AA
128	S & G Automotive, Inc.	1300 E. 2nd, Odessa TX	TX	J	AZ W S AA
129	Apponaug Auto Supply, Inc.	17 Valentine Cir., Warwick RI	RI	J	AA W S AA
130	Jobbers Warehouse Service, Inc.	3455 Roger B. Chaffe Drive, Grand Rapids MI	MI	W	AZ W AA
131	J. S. Auto Parts, Inc.	9 Roosevelt Pl., Newburyport MA	MA	J	AZ W S
132	Lant Ent., Inc.	6730 N Main St, N Kingsville OH	OH	J	AZ W AA
133	Line Auto Supply, Inc.	19 Cross St., Malden MA	MA	J	AZ S AA
134	Main Auto Supply of Fairfield, Inc.	15 Highland St., Meredith NH	CT	J	AZ W AA
135	Johnston Distributing Co.	5760 NW 54th Court, Johnston IA	IA	J	AZ W S AA
136	McAlhaney Enterprises, Inc.	733 Bells Highway, Walterboro SC	SC	J	AZ W AA
137	Niles Auto Supply of	7227 Rosewood Cir, N Syracuse NY	NY	J	AZ W S AA
138	Bob's Tools & Auto, Inc.	41 Barnum Rd., New Fairfield CT	CT	J	AZ W AA
139a	All Parts Auto Supply (partn.)	508 Griner St., Del Rio TX	TX	J	AZ W AA
139b	Alfredo Carranza, Jr.	1700 Bedell Ave, Del Rio TX	n/a	J	AZ W AA
140	Superior Bumper Products, Inc.	450 Bishop St, NW, Atlanta GA	GA	J	AZ W S AA
141	Sloan Auto Parts, Inc.	509 N Mangum St, Durham NC	NC	J	AZ W S AA
142	Dennis E. Remiger	5926 Martin Rd., Waterloo IL	n/a	J	AZ W S AA
143	Parts Pro Warehouse, Inc.	6601 Hamilton Ave, Pittsburgh PA	PA	W	AZ W S AA
144	Parts Mart, Inc.	72 Settlers Knoll, Newington CT	CT	J	AZ W S AA
145	Mutt Radicke Auto Supply, Inc.	2907 Fredericksburg Rd., San Antonio TX	TX	J	AZ W S AA

### Defendants

#### The Retailer Defendants (§§ 7-26A)

7. Defendant, AutoZone, Inc. ("AutoZone"), is a Nevada corporation incorporated in 1991 with its principal place of business at 123 S. Front St., Memphis, Tennessee 38103, and is doing business in New York, with retail stores in the Southern District of New York, including one at 248 E. Houston Street, New York NY 10002.

8. AutoZone is in the business of selling auto parts to automotive owners and users, auto repair companies and to auto parts resellers, and



operates AutoZone stores in various states including Illinois, California, Nevada, Arizona, Oregon, Idaho, Nebraska, Utah and Kansas.

9. In addition, AutoZone is the ultimate parent corporation of the following entity not named as a defendant in this Complaint: AutoZone Mississippi, Inc., which operates all of AutoZone's stores in Mississippi.

10. AutoZone has more than 3,300 retail stores in the United States, with annual sales in excess of \$5.3 billion.

10A. AutoZone has been purchasing products and product lines from Manufacturers, for the periods and at per-unit prices described in Appendices B-1, B-2, B-4 and B-5.

11. Defendant, AutoZone Florida, L.P. ("AutoZone Florida") operates all of AutoZone's stores in Florida, and is a direct or indirect subsidiary of AutoZone.

12. Defendant, ADAP, Inc. ("ADAP") operates all of AutoZone's stores in Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont, and is a direct or indirect subsidiary of AutoZone.

13. Defendant, AutoZone Stores, Inc. ("AutoZone Stores"), which operates AutoZone stores in Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Washington, D.C., Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming, and is a direct or indirect subsidiary of AutoZone.

14. Defendant, AutoZone.com, Inc. (AutoZone.com"), which sells merchandise in all 50 states, and is a direct or indirect subsidiary of AutoZone.

15. Defendant, AutoZone Texas, L.P. ("AutoZone Texas"), which purchases all of AutoZone's merchandise and operates AutoZone's distribution

centers and trucking operations as well as AutoZone stores in Texas, and is a direct or indirect subsidiary of AutoZone.

15A. Defendant, Chief Auto Parts, Inc. ("Chief"), which operates AutoZone stores in Texas, Nevada, Arizona and California, and is a direct or indirect subsidiary of AutoZone.

16. The defendants described in ¶ 11 through ¶ 15A above, together with AutoZone and Discount Auto Parts stores purchased by any AutoZone entity, are hereby referred to as the "AutoZone Defendants", and all purchases and sales of auto-parts product lines by AutoZone, as alleged herein occurred through one or more of the AutoZone Defendants.

17. Defendant, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. ("Wal-Mart"), is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 702 S.W. 8th Street, Bentonville, Arkansas 72716, and has a place of business in the Southern District of New York at 310 5th Avenue, New York, NY 10001.

18. Wal-Mart is in the business of selling goods of various types, including auto parts to automotive owners and users, auto repair companies and to auto parts resellers.

19. Wal-Mart has approximately 3,000 retail stores (including more than 700 Wal-Mart Supercenters) throughout the United States, with annual sales of auto parts amounting to approximately \$4 billion, serving more than 100 million customers weekly in the 50 states.

20. Defendant Wal-Mart also operated Sam's Club ("Sam's Club"), a division of Wal-Mart, at all relevant times until Sam's Club was transferred on or about January 29, 1999 to a newly-incorporated Arkansas corporation, Sam's West, Inc

20A. Wal-Mart has been purchasing products and product lines from Manufacturers, for the periods and at per-unit prices described in Appendices B-1, B-2, B-4 and B-5.

21. Defendant, Sam's West, Inc. ("Sam's Club"), is an Arkansas corporation incorporated on January 29, 1999 with its principal place of business at 702 S.W. 8th Street, Bentonville, Arkansas 72716, and has a place of business in the Southern District of New York at 333 Saw Mill River Rd., Elmsford, NY 10523.

22. Since 1983, Sam's Club has been in the business of selling goods of various types, including a limited line of auto parts (including automotive oil) to automotive owners and users, auto repair companies and to auto parts resellers.

23. As of 2004, Sam's Club has more than 46,000,000 members, more than 500 retail stores throughout the United States, annual sales of more than \$30 billion, with annual sales of auto parts amounting to an estimated \$1 billion.

23A. Sam's Club has been purchasing products and product lines from Manufacturers, for the periods and at per-unit prices described in Appendices B-1, B-2, B-4 and B-5.

24. Defendant, Advance Stores Company, Inc., d/b/a Advance Auto Parts ("Advance"), is a Virginia corporation with its principal place of business at 5673 Airport Road, Roanoke, Virginia 24012, and has a retail store located in the Southern District of New York, at 59 N. Plank Road, Newburgh, New York 12550-2111.

25. Advance is in the business of selling auto parts to automotive owners and users, auto repair companies and to auto parts resellers.

26. Advance has approximately 2,600 retail stores throughout the United States, with annual sales in excess of \$3 billion, including the 1999 acquisition through consolidation of the Sear's chain of Western Auto and Parts America stores, and in November, 2001 Advance acquired Discount Auto Parts, Inc.

26A. Advance has been purchasing products and product lines from Manufacturers, for the periods and at per-unit prices described in Appendices B-1, B-2, B-4 and B-5.

**The Manufacturer Defendants (§§ 27-57)**

27. Defendant, Affinia Group, Inc. ("Affinia"), a Delaware corporation, has its principal place of business at 1101 Technology Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48108.

28. During late 2004, Affinia bought a substantial part of Defendant Dana Corporation's ("Dana's") auto-parts aftermarket business (other than the BWD or BorgWarner business) for a cash payment of about \$1.1 billion.

29. Affinia is in the business of manufacturing and selling auto parts and auto parts lines (as described in ¶ M#07 of ¶ 66 below) to auto parts resellers, including wholesalers, retailers and jobbers, including most of the defendants and plaintiffs.

30. Upon information and belief, Affinia is a successor to Dana and liable for the obligations of Dana to each of the plaintiffs.

30A. Affinia has been selling products and product lines to the Defendant Retailers, the other Major Retailers and to direct-purchasing Plaintiffs, WD Suppliers, other independent auto-parts WDs and others, for the periods and at per-unit prices described in Appendices B-1 through B-5.

31. Defendant, ArvinMeritor, Inc. ("Arvin") an Indiana corporation incorporated in March 2000, has its principal place of business at 2135 West Maple Road, Troy, Michigan 48084-7121. Arvin was originally sued herein as Arvin Industries, Inc., and is the successor by merger to Arvin Industries, Inc.

32. Arvin is in the business of manufacturing and selling auto-parts Lines and Parts (as described in ¶ M#03 of ¶ 66 below) to auto parts resellers,

including wholesalers, retailers and jobbers, including most of the defendants and plaintiffs.

32A. Arvin has been selling products and product lines to the Defendant Retailers, the other Major Retailers and to direct-purchasing Plaintiffs, WD Suppliers, other independent auto-parts WDs and others, for the periods and at per-unit prices described in Appendices B-1 through B-5.

33. Defendant, Ashland, Inc. (Valvoline Division) ("Valvoline"), has its principal place of business at of 3499 Blazer Parkway, Lexington, Kentucky 40509.

34. Valvoline is in the business of manufacturing and selling auto-parts Lines and Parts (as described in ¶ M#16 of ¶ 66 below) to auto-parts resellers, including wholesalers, retailers and jobbers, including most of the defendants and plaintiffs.

34A. Valvoline has been selling products and product lines to the Defendant Retailers, the other Major Retailers and to direct-purchasing Plaintiffs, WD Suppliers, other independent auto-parts WDs and others, for the periods and at per-unit prices described in Appendices B-1 through B-5.

35. Defendant, Cardone Industries USA ("Cardone") has its principal place of business at 5501 Whitaker Ave., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19124-1799.

36. Cardone is in the business of manufacturing and selling auto-parts Lines and Parts (as described in ¶ M#05 of ¶ 66 below) to auto parts resellers, including wholesalers, retailers and jobbers, which includes the Retailer Defendants, most other Major Retailers, and most of the direct-purchasing plaintiffs.

36A. Cardone has been selling products and product lines to the Defendant Retailers, the other Major Retailers and to direct-purchasing

Plaintiffs, WD Suppliers, other independent auto-parts WDs and others, for the periods and at per-unit prices described in Appendices B-1 through B-5.

37. Defendant, Dana Corporation ("Dana"), has its principal place of business at 4500 Dorr St., Toledo, Ohio 43615.

38. Dana is in the business of manufacturing and selling auto-parts Lines and Parts (as described in ¶ M#04 and M#07 of ¶ 66 below) to auto parts resellers, including wholesalers, retailers and jobbers, including most of the defendants and plaintiffs.

39. During late 2004, Dana sold a substantial part of its auto-parts aftermarket business to The Cypress Group for a cash payment of about \$1.1 billion, but retained its business of manufacturing, distributing and marketing engine products, such as piston rings, gaskets and engine bearings.

40. Dana is a successor in interest through merger with Echlin, Inc. to the BWD or BorgWarner auto-parts business of Echlin, Inc., and in July, 2003, Dana transferred such business to Defendant Standard Motor Products, Inc.

41. During late 2004, Dana sold substantially all of its automotive aftermarket business (including the manufacturing and sale of auto parts) to Affinia Group, Inc.

41A. Dana has been selling products and product lines to the Defendant Retailers, the other Major Retailers and to direct-purchasing Plaintiffs, WD Suppliers, other independent auto-parts WDs and others, for the periods and at per-unit prices described in Appendices B-1 through B-5.

42. Defendant, Ford Motor Company (Motorcraft division) ("Motorcraft"), a Delaware corporation, has its principal place of business at 16800 Executive Plaza Drive, Dearborn, Michigan 48126-4207.

43. Motorcraft is in the business of manufacturing and selling auto parts Lines and Parts (as described in ¶ M#10 of ¶ 66 below) to auto parts

resellers, including wholesalers, retailers and jobbers, including most of the defendants and plaintiffs.

43A. Motorcraft has been selling products and product lines to the Defendant Retailers, the other Major Retailers and to direct-purchasing Plaintiffs, WD Suppliers, other independent auto-parts WDs and others, for the periods and at per-unit prices described in Appendices B-1 through B-5.

44. Defendant, **General Motors Corporation (ACDelco Division)** ("ACDelco"), a Delaware corporation, has its principal place of business at 6200 Grand Pointe Drive, Grand Blanc, Michigan 48439.

45. ACDelco is in the business of manufacturing and selling auto-parts Lines and Parts (as described in ¶ M#01 of ¶ 66 below) to auto parts resellers, including wholesalers, retailers and jobbers, including most of the defendants and plaintiffs.

45A. ACDelco has been selling products and product lines to the Defendant Retailers, the other Major Retailers and to direct-purchasing Plaintiffs, WD Suppliers, other independent auto-parts WDs and others, for the periods and at per-unit prices described in Appendices B-1 through B-5.

46. Defendant, **Pennzoil-Quaker State Company ("Pennzoil")**, has its principal place of business at Pennzoil Place, Houston, Texas 77252-2967. In October, 2002, Pennzoil was acquired by Shell Oil Company, and in May, 2003, Pennzoil either changed its name to, or adopted the trade name of, "SOPUS Products", or transferred substantially all of its assets to SOPUS Products, Inc., as to which Pennzoil is a predecessor.

47. Pennzoil is in the business of manufacturing and selling auto parts Lines and Parts (as described in ¶ M#11 of ¶ 66 below) to auto parts resellers, including wholesalers, retailers and jobbers, including most of the defendants and plaintiffs.



47A. Pennzoil has been selling products and product lines to the Defendant Retailers, the other Major Retailers and to direct-purchasing Plaintiffs, WD Suppliers, other independent auto-parts WDs and others, for the periods and at per-unit prices described in Appendices B-1 through B-5.

48. Defendant, SOPUS Products, Inc. ("SOPUS"), has its principal place of business at Pennzoil Place, Houston, Texas 77252-2967.

49. In May, 2003, SOPUS acquired substantially all of the business and assets of Pennzoil, and is a successor in interest to Pennzoil or, alternatively, is the same corporation as Pennzoil.

50. SOPUS is in the business of manufacturing and selling auto parts Lines and Parts (as described in ¶ M#11 of ¶ 66 below) to auto parts resellers, including wholesalers, retailers and jobbers, including most of the defendants and plaintiffs.

50A. SOPUS has been selling products and product lines to the Defendant Retailers, the other Major Retailers and to direct-purchasing Plaintiffs, WD Suppliers, other independent auto-parts WDs and others, for the periods and at per-unit prices described in Appendices B-1 through B-5.

51. Defendant, Standard Motor Products, Inc. ("Standard"), a New York corporation, has its principal place of business at 37-18 Northern Boulevard, Long Island City, New York 11101.

52. Standard is in the business of manufacturing and selling auto parts Lines and Parts (as described in ¶ M#12 of ¶ 66 below) to auto parts resellers, including wholesalers, retailers and jobbers, including most of the defendants and plaintiffs.

52A. Standard has been selling products and product lines to the Defendant Retailers, the other Major Retailers and to direct-purchasing

Plaintiffs, WD Suppliers, other independent auto-parts WDs and others, for the periods and at per-unit prices described in Appendices B-1 through B-5.

53. Defendant, Stant Manufacturing, Inc. ("Stant"), has its principal place of business at 1620 Columbia Avenue, Connersville, IN 47331.

54. Stant is in the business of manufacturing and selling auto parts Lines and Parts (as described in ¶ M#18 of ¶ 66 below) to auto parts resellers, including wholesalers, retailers and jobbers, including most of the defendants and plaintiffs.

54A. Stant has been selling products and product lines to the Defendant Retailers, the other Major Retailers and to direct-purchasing Plaintiffs, WD Suppliers, other independent auto-parts WDs and others, for the periods and at per-unit prices described in Appendices B-1 through B-5.

55. Defendant, The Armor All/STP Products Company ("ArmorAll"), has its principal place of business at 1221 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94612.

56. ArmorAll is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Clorox Company since its acquisition in 1996.

57. ArmorAll is in the business of manufacturing and selling auto parts Lines and Parts (as described in ¶ M#17 of ¶ 66 below) to auto parts resellers, including wholesalers, retailers and jobbers, including most of the defendants and plaintiffs.

57A. ArmorAll has been selling products and product lines to the Defendant Retailers, the other Major Retailers and to direct-purchasing Plaintiffs, WD Suppliers, other independent auto-parts WDs and others, for the periods and at per-unit prices described in Appendices B-1 through B-5.

### **Relevant Period**

58. The relevant period (the "Relevant Period") for each of the various categories of claims alleged herein is as follows:

A. As to all claims against the Manufacturer Defendants, the Relevant Period commences four years prior to the filing of the within complaint on October 27, 2004;

B. As to all other claims asserted by the Plaintiffs (other than the claims in Count V), the Relevant Period commences on February 16, 2000, the date of filing of the original complaint in the Predecessor Action, which date was the cutoff date for evidence during the trial in the Predecessor Action;

C. As to the claims of the 19 Plaintiffs alleged in Count V (alleged fraud and other claims), the claims accrued during 2002, and under CPLR 213 have a 6-year limiting period (with lesser time periods for the other claims); and

D. As to all other claims asserted by the 111 Dismissed Plaintiffs, the Relevant Period commences on February 16, 1996 (four years prior to the filing of the original complaint in the Predecessor Action) and ends on May 16, 2002, and resumes on the date of the filing of the Notice to Reactivate Claims (on July 22, 2003). See the Stipulation, dated May 16, 2002.

59. Omitted.

### **Goods Alleged for Plaintiffs' 2(a), 2(f) Claims Are**

**"Auto-Parts Product Lines" and, Alternatively, Individual "Auto Parts"**

60. Plaintiffs allege, alternatively, that the goods as to which the alleged unlawful price discrimination has occurred are (i) auto-parts product Lines and/or (ii) auto parts as described in ¶ 65 below and in annexed Appendices B-1, B-2, B-4 and B-5. The purpose of this alternative allegation is to enable the plaintiffs to prove that the discriminatory pricing occurred with respect to specific product lines of the Manufacturer Defendants, without having to allege or prove that as to each different part within a product Line

purchased by a plaintiff was contemporaneously purchased by each of the Retailer Defendants or other Major Retailers (with the identical or corresponding part number), which is burdensome to perform for plaintiffs carrying several hundred thousand different parts each having its own unique part number, as compared to perhaps 75-100 different product Lines. The Manufacturer Defendants offer, price and sell their parts according to product lines, whether or not a customer buys each and every part within the product line, and with the price of a specific part being dependent on overall purchases of the product Line by the Manufacturer's customer. Accordingly, reference to auto parts is a reference alternatively to the product line for such parts within this Count I and/or to specific auto parts.

60A. Auto-parts lines are offered, marketed, sold and priced by the Manufacturers as a line, and not by specific parts within a line. The Plaintiffs and the Defendant Retailers are sold a product line, and the ultimate resale of the line by bits and pieces does not change the way in which parts are negotiated and sold as a group called a line. Competition at the resale level is to sell one part from the retailer's line to an end user. Product lines at issue in this lawsuit are listed in Appendix B-5.

61. Each of the Retailer Defendants functions as a WD in purchasing for its own jobber/retail stores, and as such is in direct competition with the 2-step WD plaintiffs (which have named them as defendants) and the direct-purchasing plaintiff jobbers (which have named them as defendants) for the purchase and sale of auto-parts lines and/or auto parts (hereinafter, "Lines and Parts" or "auto parts Lines and Parts") in said aftermarket. Line and Part sales made by each of the competing Retailer Defendants represent the loss or possible loss of business for said plaintiff WD's and jobbers. This is the secondary-line competition between Jobber and 2-step WD Plaintiffs and the Retailer Defendants.

62. Each of the Retailer Defendants also functions as a jobber as to its own retail stores, and as such is in competition with the plaintiff jobbers and 2-step WD's also functioning as jobbers (which have named them as defendants) for the purchase and sale of auto-parts Lines and Parts in said aftermarket, and sales made by each of the Retailer Defendants represent the loss or possible loss of business for said plaintiffs.

62A. The 3-step WD Plaintiffs are in indirect (tertiary-line) competition with the Retailer Defendants for end-user customers, with the 3-step WD Plaintiffs' customers being in direct competition with the Retailer Defendants for the same end-user customers, and in direct competition with the Retailer Defendants for the purchase of auto-parts Lines and Parts from the Manufacturer Defendants.

63. The WD and Jobber plaintiffs compete with each of the Retailer Defendants at one or more functional levels of distribution, directly or indirectly, for the resale of auto parts Lines and Parts.

64. All sales by the Retailer Defendants (AutoZone Defendants, Advance, Wal-Mart and Sam's Club) using their respective Internet websites, are competitive with the plaintiffs to the extent that such website sales are delivered into the geographic area from which the respective plaintiffs obtain their retail or end-user customers.

#### **The Auto-Parts Lines and Parts Aftermarket**

65. The products involved are new and remanufactured auto-parts Lines and Parts for sale after the automobiles and other vehicles have been built (the "auto-parts Lines and Parts aftermarket"), including repair parts, consumable items, automobile accessories, tools and manuals for automotive repairs, parts and accessories for vans and light trucks, and auto parts and accessories purchased for installation in new and used cars, vans and light trucks, being sold by new-car and used-car dealers, but generally does not include tires,

batteries, windshields or windows, major body parts such as new fenders, trunks, hoods, doors or chassis frames; gasoline, or used auto parts Lines and Parts (except for remanufactured parts).

66. The Manufacturers of the auto-parts Lines and Parts described in ¶ 65 above which have been selling such Lines and Parts to the Retailer Defendants and other Major Retailers at favorable, discriminatory prices include:

M#01 - General Motors Corporation (ACDelco Division) (ACDelco auto-parts Lines and Parts for suspension, batteries, brakes, air conditioning, wire and cable, water pumps, remanufactured starters and alternators, belts and hoses, steering, clutches, spark plugs, fuel pumps, and chassis)

M#02 - Omitted.

M#03 - ArvinMeritor, Inc. (Arvin Industries, Inc.) (Maremont, Gabriel, Timex, Strong Arm, Mighty Lift, Purolator)

M#04 - Dana Corporation and Standard Motor Products, Inc., as licensees of BorgWarner, Inc. (BorgWarner and/or BWD products and product lines for ignition, fuel injection parts, emission control system parts, remanufactured electrical components, wire and cable and wire and cable accessories, clutch components, fuel pumps, carburetor kits and parts, cap and rotor kits, and water pumps) [See M#07 as to Dana Corporation and successor Affinia Group, Inc.]

M#05 - Cardone Industries USA (rebuilt, product lines for brakes, drivetrain, electronics, motors, pumps and steering)

M#06 - Omitted.

M#07 - Dana Corporation and successor Affinia Group, Inc. (Raybestos, Perfect Circle, Victor, Clevite, Spicer, Wix, AIMCO, McQuay-Norris, Beck/Arnley, Mr. Gasket) [See M#04 above as to BWD and BorgWarner products and product lines]

M#08 - Federal Mogul Corporation [not named as a defendant at this time due to bankruptcy stay] (Carter, Signal-Stat, Sealed Power, BCA, National,

TRW, Switches, Fel-Pro, McCord, FP Diesel, Ferodo, Abex/Ferodo, Moog, Wagner Brake, Precision, Gibson, Omega, Anco, Champion, Power Path, Wagner Lighting, Payen, Glyco, AE, Goetze, Nural, Blazer, Speed Pro, Zanxx, Lee Brake)

M#09 - Omitted.

M#10 - Motorcraft division of Ford Motor Company (Motorcraft product lines for belt drive system parts, body-interior parts, brake/wheel hub parts, cooling system parts, drivetrain parts, electrical parts, electrical-connector parts, electrical-switch & relay parts, emission parts, engine parts, fuel/air parts, heat & air conditioning parts, ignition parts, steering parts, suspension parts, transmission-automatic parts, and wiper & washer parts)

M#11 - Pennzoil-Quaker State Co./SOPUS Products, Inc. (Pennzoil, Quaker State, Wolf's Head, Slick 50, Rain-X, Blue Coral, Black Magic, Westley's, Medo, Axius, Gumout, Fix-A-Flat, The Outlaw, Snap, Classic car wax, Pennzoil Roadside Rescue)

M#12 - Standard Motor Products, Inc. (Standard, Blue Streak, Hygrade carburetor kits, GP/Sorensen, Federal, Filko and Cobra brand product lines for belt drive system parts, body-exterior parts, body-interior parts, brake/wheel hub parts, cooling system parts, electrical parts, electrical-connector parts, electrical-lamp & socket parts, electrical-switch & relay parts, emission parts, engine parts, fuel/air parts, heat & air conditioning parts, ignition parts, suspension parts, transmission-automatic parts, and wiper & washer parts; and Four Seasons, Everco, Murray, Air Parts and Factory Air brand product lines for air conditioners and temperature control parts) [See M#04 above as to BWD and BorgWarner products and product lines]

M#13 - Omitted.

M#14 - Omitted.

M#15 - Omitted.

M#16 - Valvoline Company division of Ashland, Inc. (Valvoline motor oils, Eagle One automotive appearance products, Zerex antifreeze)



M#17 - The Armor All/STP Products Company (ArmorAll brand car-care Lines and Parts including gels, protectants, cleaners, wipes, polishes, washes, and products for leather care and for tire and wheel care; and STP brand car-care Lines and Parts: (i) fuel additives: gas treatment, fuel system cleaner, fuel injector cleaner, fuel injector and carburetor treatment, octane performance booster, water remover, diesel fuel treatment and injector cleaner, and lead substitute; (ii) oil additives: oil treatment, 4-cylinder oil treatment, smoke treatment, and engine stop leak; and (iii) functional fluids: heavy duty brake fluid, power steering fluid, and power steering and stop leak fluid)

M#18 - Stant Manufacturing, Inc. (gas, oil and, radiator caps; locking gas caps; automotive thermostats; fuel system valving; and cooling system, fuel cap, fuel system and vacuum testers).

67. A partial listing of the Lines and Parts being purchased by the Retailer Defendants in violation of the plaintiffs' rights under the Robinson-Patman Act are included within M#1 through M#18 in the subparagraphs M#01 through M#18 in the preceding ¶ 66.

68. In some instances, the Manufacturer Defendant sells private label auto-parts Lines and Parts to the Major Retailers, including the Retailer Defendants, which are otherwise identical (or of equal grade and quality) to the branded product lines (and auto-parts Lines and Parts described in ¶¶ M#01-M#18 in ¶ 66 above at substantially lower product-line prices, without making the private-label Lines or Parts, or equivalent Lines or Parts, available to the plaintiffs or plaintiffs' suppliers at the same low Line or Part price.

69. Omitted.

### **Product and Geographic Markets**

70. The product market is the auto-parts Lines and Parts aftermarket, as described in ¶ 65 above, with the "aftermarket" referring to the market for such auto-parts Lines and Parts to be used with automotive vehicles after they have been manufactured, such as for repair, customization, or for installation by a dealer prior to or after resale of the vehicle.

71. The geographic market for each plaintiff (as set forth in Appendix C) varies from plaintiff to plaintiff and from store to store of a single plaintiff, but generally will range from 5 to 25 miles for Jobbers and for a radius of several hundred miles or more for warehouse distributors; and as to Internet sales the geographic market is the entire United States.

72. Each of the WD and Jobber plaintiffs, respectively, has designated (a) in ¶ 6 above one or more of the Retailer Defendants and (b) in Appendix D below one or more of the Manufacturer Defendants, if any -- against whom the plaintiff seeks monetary damages or other relief, with each of such designated Retailer Defendants having one or more stores within the geographic area alleged by the plaintiff. Each of such Retailer Defendants acting knowingly and in concert with the designated Manufacturer Defendant(s) has taken away sales of auto-parts Lines and Parts from the designating plaintiff by reason of the discriminatory prices at which the Retailer Defendant has been buying its auto-parts Lines and Parts from the Manufacturer Defendants.

### **Definitions**

73. The following definitions apply in this complaint:

A. "19 Plaintiffs" refers to the Coalition together with the 18 Jobber and WD plaintiffs identified in subparagraphs 1, 9, 37, 46, 51b, 52, 63, 64a, 67a, 73a, 74a, 75, 95, 97a, 109, 120, 130, 143 of ¶ 6, which plaintiffs had their claims against the AutoZone Defendants, Defendant Advance and (former

defendant) Discount (up to the cutoff date of February 16, 2000) tried during January, 2003;

B. "133 Plaintiffs" refers to the plaintiffs identified in subparagraphs 1-145 of ¶ 6 (including the 18 Jobber and WD plaintiffs among the 19 Plaintiffs) which were dismissed from the Predecessor Action pursuant to Stipulation and Order dated May 16, 2002 together with the Coalition; see footnote 1 on page 3 above for definition of the "111 Dismissed Plaintiffs".

C. "2-Step Distribution" refers to auto parts Lines and Parts sold by a Manufacturer to a WD, and from the WD directly to the end user.

D. "3-Step Distribution" refers to auto parts Lines and Parts sold by a Manufacturer to a WD, and from the WD to a Jobber, and from the Jobber (functioning as a jobber or retailer) to the end user.

E. "Buying Group" refers to an incorporated or non-incorporated association of auto-parts jobbers and WD's as members formed by its members to obtain lower prices for Lines and Parts from auto-parts manufacturers that the individual members are or were able to obtain as an individual purchaser.

F. "Independent", in referring to a WD or jobber, means a WD or jobber which is not owned by a Major Retailer (such as any of the Retailer Defendants) or any other national chain retailer of auto-parts Lines and Parts and accessories having hundreds or thousands of retail stores in the United States.

G. "Jobber" refers to an independent company which makes most of its purchases of auto parts Lines and Parts from Warehouse Distributors or W/D's, in what is known in the industry as a 3-Step Distribution (manufacturer to WD to jobber). Jobbers sell auto parts to end users, including installers and "Do-It-Yourselfers".

H. "Major Retailer" or "Major Retailers" refers to any of the Retailer Defendants and/or any of major retailers Discount Auto, CSK Auto, Inc.

(and its Checker, Schuck's and Kragen divisions), The Pep Boys - Mannie, Moe and Jack; O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.; and Keystone Automotive Operations, Inc.

I. "Manufacturer" or "Manufacturers" refers to each of the auto-parts manufacturers which sells auto parts Lines and Parts to any of the plaintiffs, the Retailer Defendants and other Major Retailers. The Manufacturers are listed in subparagraphs M#01 through M#18 in ¶ 66 above.

J. "Manufacturer Defendants" refers to the auto-parts manufacturers named as defendants herein, described in ¶¶ 30-57A above.

K. "Predecessor Action" refers to the complaint filed in this Eastern District of New York on February 16, 2000, in which a final judgment was dated and entered on February 13, 2004, referring to the Stipulation, as follows:

... pursuant to Stipulation Amending the 2nd Amended Complaint and Dismissing Certain Parties and Issues dated May 16, 2002 (the "5/16/02 Stipulation") the approximately 220 remaining plaintiffs have reactivated their previously-dismissed claims on a timely basis, and the Court deciding that any such claims should be made pursuant to the filing of a new complaint, subject to the terms and conditions of the Stipulations, it is

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED: that this reactivated case involving approximately 220 plaintiffs (not including any of the 22 Plaintiffs) is hereby dismissed, and the Clerk of the Court is hereby directed to dismiss the complaint without prejudice with respect to the 220 Plaintiffs identified as reactivating their claims in the July 22, 2003 Notice of Reactivation of Dismissed Plaintiffs and Claims, with any new complaint(s), wherever filed, to be subject to the terms and conditions of the 5/16/02 Stipulation.

L. "Product Line" or "Product Lines" (or "Line" or "Lines") refers to the group of auto parts which is sold as a related group known as a "product line" or "line" by a Manufacturer, including the Manufacturer Defendants. See ¶ 60 for a further explanation. Sometimes a brand is used to identify all the Parts within a specific Line, and in other instances brands may be used across multiple Lines. The catalog or "Blue Sheet" price list in which a specific part is listed by its manufacturer defines the manufacturer's product line including such part.

M. "Program Buying Group" refers to an organization which buys auto parts Lines and Parts at discounts reflecting the combined purchasing power of the group's jobber membership, to obtain lower product-line prices through such combination that the jobbers could each obtain for itself as a stand-alone jobber, and through such group the jobber members participate in certain advertising and promotional allowance programs of the Manufacturers from whom the group purchases are made.

N. "Retailer Defendants" or "Defendant Retailers" refers to each of the AutoZone Defendants, Advance, Wal-Mart and Sam's Club, as alleged in ¶¶ 7-26A above.

O. "Stipulation" refers to the Stipulation Amended the Second Amended Complaint and Dismissing Certain Parties and Issues dated May 16, 2002.

P. "Warehouse Distributor" or "WD" refers to independent companies which make most of their purchases of auto parts Lines and Parts, as wholesalers, from Manufacturers, in what is known in the industry as a "3-Step Distribution" (manufacturer to WD to jobber to end user) or "2-Step Distribution" (manufacturer to WD to end user); the WD resells the product lines, as the "2nd step" of the 3-Step or 2-Step Distribution.

Q. "WD" refers to a Warehouse Distributor or wholesaler, which purchases most or all of its auto parts and auto-parts lines directly from the manufacturers.

R. "WD Supplier" refers to a WD that purchases directly from the manufacturers and resells or supplies these directly-purchased auto parts and auto-parts lines to an indirect-purchasing Plaintiff, usually a jobber/retailer.

#### **Distribution of Auto Parts Lines and Parts in the Aftermarket**

74. The Manufacturers of the auto-parts Lines and Parts for the aftermarket described in ¶ 65 above, including the Manufacturer Defendants,

distribute their Lines and Parts throughout the United States in the following ways:

A. By direct sale of Lines and Parts to the Major Retailers, including the Retailer Defendants, and other large retail chains, which resell the Lines and Parts to automobile, van and light truck owners and users; companies which service or repair automobiles, vans and light trucks; some independent jobbers of auto-parts Lines and Parts; such resales by the Major Retailers are made from their retail stores, from their regional or local warehouses, or through Internet websites.

B. By direct sale of Lines and Parts to independent "Warehouse Distributors" or "WD's" which generally resell the goods in a 3-Step Distribution to Jobbers, who resell as the "3rd step" to end users such as automobile, van and light truck owners and users and companies which service or repair automobiles, vans and light trucks), or in a 2-Step Distribution (to WD's which resell (through their own retailer or jobber stores) directly to the end user such as automobile, van and light truck owners and users and companies which service or repair automobiles, vans and light trucks); generally speaking, the Warehouse Distributors resell (in a 3-Step system) to approximately 100 to 1,000 Jobbers. The Jobbers resell to hundreds or thousands of owners/users and companies which repair or service automobiles, vans and light trucks, which charge the ultimate customer for the installed auto part.

75. A person (often called a "Do-it-Yourselfer") needing an auto part for his automobile, van or light truck has the option of purchasing it:

- A. from a nearby retail outlet of a Major Retailer;
- B. from a nearby retail outlet of a Jobber or 2-Step WD; or
- C. from a nearby automobile, van or light truck repair or service business (such as a gas station, muffler chain store, lube chain store, Firestone service center); or
- D. from the parts department of a new-car dealer.

76. Because of the substantial discounts and other benefits given by the Manufacturers to the Major Retailers, many small jobbers joined forces by combining into "Program Buying Groups" or more limited-purpose "buying groups" to pool their purchasing power and obtain lower auto-part Lines and Parts prices than they were paying as stand-alone jobbers; program buying groups such as NAPA and CarQuest formed and enabled their members to buy at improved Lines and Parts prices and receive some (but far from all of the) benefits from Manufacturers' advertising and promotional allowance programs, but still paid substantially more than the Lines and Parts prices being paid by the Major Retailers.

77. When auto-parts Lines and Parts of a specific Manufacturer are being sold by competing stores (such as the Major Retailers' retail stores in competition with independent jobbers), the store with the lower price for Parts and Lines obtains a disproportionate share of the business, and takes this business away from the store which is selling to end users at a higher price.

78. The Major Retailers buy auto-parts Lines and Parts from the Manufacturers at substantially lower prices than paid by the plaintiffs or their WD suppliers who buy the auto-part Lines and Parts at the same time from the same Manufacturer (see attached Appendices B-1 through B-5), with the predictable result that the Major Retailers offer and sell these Lines and Parts at lower prices than the plaintiffs, and often at prices lower than the Line and Part price being paid by the plaintiffs or their suppliers to the same Manufacturer for the same Lines and Parts at the same time.

79. The result is that the Major Retailers are able to and do take away business from the plaintiffs, by selling at the jobber level of distribution at a substantially lower price than the plaintiffs are able to sell for at the same jobber level of distribution, and the Major Retailers have the added advantage of a substantially higher profit margin (see Appendices B-2 and B-3) with which to provide such things as a better location, larger display



space, larger selection of auto parts Lines and Parts, more advertising and promotion, and free parking.

80. Upon information and belief, the Manufacturer Defendants are selling to the Major Retailers, including the Retailer Defendants, below the Manufacturers' variable cost, and the Manufacturer Defendants have to and do charge substantially higher prices to plaintiffs or their WD suppliers and others who are not Major Retailers to be able to obtain any significant gross profits and any net profits from their manufacturing businesses. See Appendix B-1 for instances in which the Defendant Retailer's retail price is lower than the Plaintiff's cost at the same time from the same manufacturer for the same product.

81. Upon information and belief, the Manufacturer Defendants have to keep increasing their Line and Part prices to the plaintiffs (or their WD suppliers) to be able to find some areas of gross profitability to their business, which increases the price of the Manufacturer Defendant's auto-part Lines and Parts to all consumers, even those who are buying from the Major Retailers.

81A. Also, upon information and belief, each of the Manufacturer Defendants has suffered financial losses in its dealings with each of the Retailer Defendants, and such dealings have caused at least 35 U.S. auto-parts manufacturers to file for bankruptcy since January 1, 2004. There was only one such filing during 2003. [Source: *Business Week*, 10/10/05, p. 40]

82. When a purchase is made at a retail store of a Major Retailer, such sale is taken away from a nearby independent jobber, who then (in 3-Step Distribution) does not buy that item from its 3-Step Wholesaler (i.e., the warehouse distributor or "WD"), causing an identifiable and non-duplicative loss at each level of the plaintiffs' distribution system.

83. The Major Retailers, including the Retailer Defendants, would not be able to compete, or compete as successfully, with the plaintiffs if the Line

and Part prices paid by the Major Retailers, including the Retailer Defendants, were the same as that paid to the Manufacturer by the Warehouse Distributor for the same Lines and Parts.

84. The plaintiffs provide service which is superior to the service generally provided by the Major Retailers, but the price difference in purchasing the same Lines and Parts is too great for the plaintiffs to overcome. The Major Retailers' lower prices, and better location, larger customer display areas, greater selection, more costly advertising and promotion, and free parking (all paid for with part of the unlawful price advantage) overwhelm plaintiffs, which would not be the case if the Major Retailers and plaintiffs' Warehouse Distributors started out with a level playing field, paying the same Manufacturer the same price for the same auto-part Lines and Parts.

85. Plaintiffs allege that the activities of each of the Retailer Defendants and each of the Manufacturer Defendants make it liable to the plaintiffs for violations of § 2(a) or § 2(f) of the Robinson-Patman Act.

86. During the Relevant Period, plaintiffs (directly or indirectly, to the extent they have been in business) and the Major Retailers, including each of the Retailer Defendants (directly) have been purchasing, at the same time, the same auto-part Lines and Parts for the aftermarket (as defined in ¶ 65 and ¶ 70 above), which purchases by plaintiffs are of like grade and quality as the purchases by the Retailer Defendants from the same Manufacturers, including each of the Manufacturer Defendants.

87. During the Relevant Period, each of the respective plaintiffs (to the extent they have remained in business) has been in actual competition with each of the Retailer Defendants identified for such plaintiff in ¶ 6 above. The plaintiffs no longer in business are listed in Appendix A hereto.

88. The auto-parts Lines and Parts sales by the Manufacturers, including each of the Manufacturer Defendants, to the plaintiffs (directly or indirectly) and to the Retailer Defendants were and are being made in commerce

on an interstate basis, with such Lines and Parts having been sold for use, consumption, or resale within the United States or the District of Columbia, and where the effect of such discrimination in Line and Part price may be substantially to lessen competition or tend to create a monopoly or submarket monopolies in the auto parts Line and Parts aftermarket, or to injure, destroy, or prevent competition with the Retailer Defendants who either grant or knowingly receive the benefit of such discrimination, or with customers of the plaintiffs or Retailer Defendants. Approximately 50% of the plaintiffs have been driven out of business, with many more failures to come. See Appendix A hereto.

89. The sales by the Manufacturer Defendants to the plaintiff WD's and to the WD's of the other plaintiffs have been made at Line and Parts prices that are substantially higher than the prices for the same Lines and Parts, which are goods of like grade and quality, purchased at the same time by the Major Retailers (including the Retailer Defendants) from the same Manufacturers (including the Manufacturer Defendants).

89A. Wal-Mart and Sam's Club have systematically violated the Robinson-Patman Act since approximately xxxx by activities (including use of chargeback clerks, penalties, deductions, withholding payment improperly for subsequent compromise and settlement, imposing costs on manufacturers) that has resulted in lower costs of product (including auto parts) for Wal-Mart than its competitors are paying for the same products, and this strategy of violating the Robinson-Patman Act to drive competitors out of business has been adopted and used successfully by AutoZone and Advance, which are admittedly attempting to emulate Wal-Mart's activities, but limited to auto parts.

89B. The effect of Wal-Mart's practices has been to drive competitors out of business throughout the United States, and establish Wal-Mart as a local monopoly in many of the thousands of communities in which Wal-Mart has one or more places of business.

89C. Because local businesses have been driven out of business, local newspapers have lost many of their advertisers and are being threatened with extinction. This is presently occurring with the nation's second largest chain of newspapers, the Knight-Ridder chain of 32 daily U.S. newspapers.

89D. Violations of the Robinson-Patman Act by Wal-Mart and Sam's Club have enabled Wal-Mart, through its illegally-obtained size, to move hundreds of thousands of U.S. jobs to China and other foreign countries, eliminate medical coverage for more than one million U.S. workers, force more than 1 million employees to seek public assistance to meet their healthcare needs, drive many hundreds of thousands of small retail, jobber, wholesaler and manufacturing businesses in the U.S. out of business, and transfer the value of such destroyed businesses and eliminated jobs to Wal-Mart and its shareholders.

89E. Advance and AutoZone are attempting to do the same, as is necessary if they are to compete with Wal-Mart on equal terms.

89F. The activities of the defendants in violating the Robinson-Patman Act in fact is destroying competition in the United States, resulting in fewer choices, the destruction of companies such as plaintiffs that provided better service to its customers, the destruction of jobs without any equivalent job being created by the Defendant Retailers, and a steady deterioration of the nation's economy in its present direction toward third-world status if the defendants' activities are not stopped.

90. Each of the Retailer Defendants, upon information and belief, employs most if not all of the following techniques to obtain discounts, fees, allowances and other payments and benefits from the Manufacturer Defendants and thereby obtain lower Line and Parts prices for their purchases than paid by plaintiff WD's (or the WD Suppliers) to the same Manufacturer Defendants, at the same time, for the same auto-parts Lines and Parts:

- A. Early buy allowances;
- B. Defective merchandise allowances;

C. Obsolescence allowances;

D. Back haul allowances;

E. Volume discounts given to the Major Retailers (including each of the Retailer Defendants) by the Manufacturer Defendants and not made available to the plaintiffs;

F. Volume discounts given to the Major Retailers (including each of the Retailer Defendants) by the Manufacturer Defendants not made available to the plaintiffs for comparable purchases of the same Lines and Parts;

G. By permitting deferred payments on goods sold to defendants beyond and unrelated to credit terms awarded on the basis of defendants' or any other purchasers' credit rating, which amounts to the placement of interest-free capital with the defendants by the manufacturers.

H. Free trucks paid for by several Manufacturers to each defendant upon the opening up by the defendant of each new retail store;

I. Private brands of goods of equal grade and quality to the Manufacturers' branded goods at a price substantially lower than the branded goods and not made available to the plaintiffs at any price, or not made available to the plaintiffs at the same price per unit;

J. Deductions without justification from invoices sent by the Manufacturers to the defendants for goods sold to the defendants, representing cancellation of such invoices to the extent of the deductions and resulting free goods for the defendants;

K. Rebates and other payments made by the Manufacturers to the defendants representing a return of all or part of the purchase price paid by the defendants for goods of the Manufacturer, without return of the goods; and

L. Other fees and allowances paid by the Manufacturers to the defendants and not paid to the plaintiffs at all, or in a proportionate amount.

91. Upon information and belief, each of the Retailer Defendants has induced or has been knowingly receiving the discriminatory discounts, fees, rebates, free inventory and other payments from the Manufacturer Defendants as alleged in ¶¶ 90-A through 90-L above, for reasons including:

A. The Defendant Retailer's review of a competitor's purchasing and resale records prior to making a decision to acquire or not acquire the competitor;

B. The Defendant Retailer's access to and due-diligence review of a competitor's records immediately prior to acquisition and from time to time after the acquisition;

C. The Defendant Retailer's receipt and review of the 22 Plaintiffs' records during discovery in the Predecessor Action;

D. The Defendant Retailer's receipt and review of the affidavits, declarations, exhibits thereto, deposition transcripts, expert reports, and trial transcripts and trial exhibits in the Predecessor Action;

E. The Defendant Retailer's receipt and review of the Joint Record on Appeal and Appellants' Brief on Appeal in the Predecessor Action;

F. The Defendant Retailer's profit margin in comparison to the profit margins of the Plaintiffs in the Predecessor Action;

G. The Plaintiffs' pleadings in the predecessor Action;

H. *Aftermarket News* and *Green Sheet* news reports and discussions about discriminatory pricing practices in the auto-parts aftermarket and the adverse effect upon independent WD and jobber competitors;

I. Discussions with auto-parts manufacturers in which the Defendant Retailer is told that it has the lowest price of all competitors;

J. Negotiations by the Defendant Retailer without regard to whether the ultimate price is substantially lower than any plaintiff's direct purchasing price or any direct-purchasing price of any competitor for that matter;

K. The filing of bankruptcy by one auto-parts manufacturer during 2003 and the filing of bankruptcy by 34 auto-parts manufacturers from January 1, 2004 to the present;

L. The financial difficulties of auto-parts manufacturers that have not yet filed for bankruptcy;

M. The demands made upon the auto-parts manufacturers by the Defendant Retailer for lower and lower auto-parts prices without any goods of like grade and quality being offered by a competing manufacturer at the same price at the same time;

N. The failure of the Defendant Retailer and a manufacturer to take into account the additional costs to service the Defendant Retailer to meet the terms and conditions spelled out in the written agreement between manufacturer and Retailer Defendant;

O. Defendant AutoZone's efforts at coercing auto-parts manufacturers to supply auto parts to AutoZone on onerous terms spelled out in AutoZone's "pay on scan" industry-wide demand, and its rejection by 80% of the auto-parts manufacturers with whom AutoZone has been doing business;

P. Failure of the Defendant Retailers to purchase auto parts using the Blue Sheet price lists published by the auto-parts manufacturers, and instead to demand and obtain special agreements providing a variety of prices and other benefits not made available to plaintiffs or other independent competitors;

Q. The ever-increasing percentage of business failures of independent auto-parts jobbers and WD's and ever-decreasing number of them remaining in business;

R. The number of plaintiffs that have gone out of business (see Appendix A hereto);

S. The constantly increasing number of stores of the Defendant Retailers without any significant increase in the overall auto-parts aftermarket



to warrant such increase, except to take customers away from the plaintiffs and other independent auto-parts jobbers, retailers and WD's;

T. The ever-increasing market share of the Defendant Retailers;

U. Defendant Retailers offering parts at jobber and retail prices equal to or lower than the prices paid to the same manufacturers for the same parts by the direct-buying Plaintiff WD's;

V. Failure by the Defendant Retailers to reflect in their SEC-filed financial statements their actual cost of parts after all discounts, fees and allowances, thereby resulting in a falsified, overstatement of their auto-parts inventory cost; this misleads competitors, regulators and consumers into thinking that the Defendant Retailer's profits are derived from some efficiency other than illegally low cost of auto Parts and auto-parts Lines;

W. Representations by auto-parts manufacturers that the Defendant Retailer is getting the lowest price, and that nobody else is getting that low price;

X. An awareness that the manufacturer is selling below cost to the Defendant Retailer, and that the manufacturer is losing money in its dealings with the Defendant Retailer;

Y. Upon information and belief, Defendant Retailers rely upon meeting competition representations by manufacturers without justification and without sufficient receipt of documentation or retention of records to accept or justify the representation;

Z. There is no offer or proposal by a competing manufacturer as to which an accepted offer of a manufacturer was a legitimate meeting-competition response;

AA. Defendant Retailers fail to keep adequate records or copies of documents to support any claimed meeting-competition transaction;

BB. The written agreement between a Defendant Retailer and a manufacturer is so lengthy and complex that the only way a meeting competition

analysis can be made properly is if each of various financially-material terms of the agreement are quantified in value or worth, with a calculated total dollar amount then used to compare the overall agreement with any agreements offered by competing manufacturers; this has not been done by any of the defendants, upon information and belief;

CC. Upon information and belief, no manufacturer has ever provided a copy of an agreement with any major auto-parts retailer to any of the Defendant Retailers or other auto-parts competitor;

DD. Defendant Retailers' failure to change their purchasing practices after learning that they are receiving substantially lower prices than the plaintiffs and that such lower prices are not justified under the Robinson-Patman Act;

EE. Defendant Retailers' wilful misapplication and improper reliance on the meeting competition defense.

FF. AutoZone's determination that auto-parts competitors it acquired (e.g., Chief and Auto Palace) had been paying substantially higher prices for auto parts (at least 40-45% higher and not taking all discriminatory elements into account) for the same parts at the same time than AutoZone paid to the same manufacturers, followed by AutoZone's demand that the manufacturers pay (or "refund") 100% of the discriminatory overcharges to AutoZone, which substantially all of them did, as a further discriminatory rebate;

GG. AutoZone's own determination, described in the preceding paragraph, that 100% of the difference in invoice prices (which is part of the overall overcharge), without attempting to calculate a higher per-unit cost for the acquired company based on its lower volumes of purchases, and without taking into account various off-invoice discounts, fees, allowances and other benefits received by AutoZone and not by the acquired company);

HH. Defendant Retailers' failure to state in their financial statements that some or all of the manufacturers' discounts, fees, allowances

and other items of value were received by the Defendant Retailers in violation of the Robinson-Patman Act;

II. Defendants' ever-increasing profit margins when adjusting for the value of benefits not including in the present profit margin calculations, such as the value of not paying for inventory (auto parts) until 6 to 12 months after the retailers' receipt, in contrast to the same manufacturers requiring that the WD Plaintiffs and the suppliers to the Jobber Plaintiffs pay for the same parts within 30 days;

JJ. Defendant Retailers are operating at an annual operating loss equal to several times the Defendant Retailers' reported net earnings if the dollar amount of discounts, fees and allowances received in violation of the Robinson-Patman Act were deducted from gross sales of auto parts (or added to cost of auto parts) and footnoted as non-recurrent income, under existing industry and SEC accounting rules;

KK. Solicitation of bids by the Defendant Retailers from near-bankrupt auto-parts manufacturers does not meet valid "meeting competition" requirements because the manufacturer in such a situation is willing to enter into almost any agreement to stave off bankruptcy for a while longer, knowing that the agreement can be terminated in bankruptcy; and the retailers never had any intention of accepting such proposal from a manufacturer nearing bankruptcy, and were only using the "offer" to drive down their existing supplier's or other already selected supplier to an illegally low price;

LL. Even if meeting-competition requirements have been met, Defendant Retailers take additional discounts, fees and allowances and other benefits of value in ways not set forth under any of the terms in the written agreement (e.g., AutoZone agreement requiring payment in 87 days but AutoZone taking up to one year to pay; deductions taken by the Defendant Retailers from amounts required to be paid to the manufacturer under the agreement, return of non-defective goods for credit; improperly imposing penalties on the

manufacturers or unreasonably high penalties in the aggregate; and in the case of Wal-Mart and Sam's Club imposing RFID costs on the manufacturers);

MM. Deliberately understating the Defendant Retailers' profit margins on auto-parts sales in their SEC-filed financial statements to make it appear that they are paying more for parts than they are actually paying, to cover up their Robinson-Patman Act violations;

NN. Defendant Retailers' ability to raise auto-parts prices to jobbers and retail customers after driving independent competitors out of business in the area in which the AutoZone or Advance opens up a new store; and

OO. The shopping activities of the Defendant Retailers alerts them to the plaintiffs' resale prices to installers and other end-user customers, which prices enable the Defendant Retailers to estimate the plaintiffs' cost of parts, particularly when the plaintiffs' profit margins are known to the Defendant Retailers (through the Predecessor Action and industry reports).

92. The activities of the Retailer Defendants and the Manufacturer Defendants adversely effect competition in the relevant product and geographic markets as described in ¶¶ 65 and 70-71 above and are lessening competition, tending to monopolize, and injuring consumers, competition, and even auto-parts manufacturers in the auto-parts Line and Parts aftermarket.

92A. This is evidenced in part by the allegations in Appendix A and in ¶ 91 above subparagraphs H, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, X, BB, CC, DD, EE, HH, II, JJ, LL, MM and NN, and ¶¶ 92B and 92C below.

92B. The sales of auto parts by each of the Manufacturers to each of the Plaintiffs at the prices alleged while selling the parts of like grade and quality (basically, identical parts) at about the same time to each of the Defendant Retailers at substantially (about 50%) lower prices than the prices paid by the direct-purchasing Plaintiffs and WD Suppliers, as alleged, resulted in an adverse effect upon competition as to each Plaintiff buying such parts